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#### INTERIM MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**FOR** 

# FIRE RIVER GOLD CORP.

## FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2011

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following discussion and analysis is Management's assessment of the results and financial condition of Fire River Gold Corp. (the "Company" or "FAU") for the period ended 30 April 2011 and should be read in conjunction with the interim consolidated financial statements and the related notes. The date of this Management Discussion and Analysis is 28 June 2011. Additional information on the Company is available on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

#### BUSINESS OF FIRE RIVER GOLD CORP.

Fire River Gold Corp. is a near term production company with a superior technical team focused on bringing its flagship project, the Nixon Fork Gold Mine, back into production within the next 12 months. The Nixon Fork Gold Mine is a fully permitted and bonded gold mine with past production values averaging 39 g/t (1.14 ounces per ton ("opt")). Facilities at the Nixon Fork Gold Mine include a 200 tpd flotation plant with a gravity gold separation circuit and a sulphide flotation circuit. In 2008, a CIL gold leaching circuit was purchased and approximately 60% installed. The mine also includes a fleet of mining vehicles, a self-contained power plant, maintenance facilities, drilling equipment, an 85 person camp, office facilities and a 1.2 km long landing strip. Nixon Fork is located within Alaska's Tintina Gold Belt, which hosts numerous world class deposits.

## FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain information included in this discussion may constitute forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and entail various risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties could cause or contribute to actual results that are materially different than those expressed or implied. The Company disclaims any obligation or intention to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

## **Project Overview:**

#### **DRAKEN PROPERTY**

The first acquisition for the Company was the Draken Project. The property is located in southeast-central Alaska, approximately 288km southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska, and approximately 61km west of the Canadian border.

The property is located in the Yukon-Tanana lithotectonic terrane, a Paleozoic terrane of largely continental affinity. In easternmost Alaska this terrane is bounded by major northwest-trending, dextral strike-slip faults, including the Tintina fault to the north and the Denali fault to the south. The terrane is dissected by a large number of major northeast-trending, high angle faults with significant dip slip displacements which has effectively created a block faulted tectonic regime. This movement has jostled mineral deposits with different metallogenies and other characteristics.

Known mineralization within the Draken property consists of polymetallic sulfide-quartz vein mineralization with anomalous Ag-Au-Bi-As-Cu-Pb-W-U. This type of mineralization is documented at the Silver Lining prospect, located on the west portion of the property, as well as the Two Mile prospect just north of the property. Host rocks for the polymetallic veins dominantly consist of massive hornblende-biotite quartz monzonite. Government geologists have documented porphyry style Cu-Mo-Au mineralization at the Two Mile prospect and other occurrences nearby (Singer and others, 1976). Potential for pegmatite- or vein-hosted U-Th-REE mineralization is also noted. Previous workers conducted a radiometric survey indicating anomalous radioactivity associated with the ring dike zone. A sample collected approximately 200m east of the property and within the ring dike complex contained highly anomalous U-Nb-F-REE.

The Company is seeking joint venture partners to fund the development of this project.

# **GOLDEN ZONE PROPERTY**

On 22 June 2009, the Company signed a Letter Agreement with Hidefield Gold PLC, Hidefield Gold (Alaska) Inc. and Mines Trust Company as Optionors of the Golden Zone Project, whereby the Company will have an option to acquire 100% interest in the Project located in Alaska, USA.

The Golden Zone Project is located 240 km north of Anchorage, Alaska on the south flank of the Alaska Range and is road accessible. In 2009, the Company completed a US\$250,000 exploration program which consisted of trenching and mapping that will assay for gold, silver and copper.

In March of 2010 FAU notified its partners that it was not pursuing its option on the Golden Zone Project. There are no outstanding commitments, financial or otherwise, on this project.

#### KANSAS CREEK GOLD PROJECT

On 19 June 2008, the Company signed an agreement to acquire a 100% interest from Anglo Alaska Gold Corp. ("AAGC") certain mineral claims referred to as the Kansas Creek Project. In consideration, the Company paid an aggregate of US\$40,000 and will also issue an aggregate of 250,000 common shares (200,000 shares issued and 50,000 shares upon first transfer of property to a third party). The property is subject to a 1.5% net smelter return royalty ("NSR") of which the Company may purchase 1.0% of the 1.5% NSR from the Vendor in consideration for a cash payment of US\$1,000,000 in which case, the Vendor shall retain 0.5% NSR royalty.

The Kansas Creek Project is located in the Bonnifield District of the central Alaska Range in central-interior Alaska approximately 110km south of Fairbanks, Alaska and 70km east of Healy, Alaska. The Project consists of 28 State of Alaska mining claims covering a 16.8 sq. km area. Placer gold was discovered in the district in 1906 and approximately 80,000 ounces of gold have been recovered from alluvial deposits through 2008. The Company's objective is to explore the project for lode gold potential. A

three phase program totalling over US\$1.0 million has been recommended. The Company is currently seeking joint venture partners to fund the development of the Kansas Creek project.

#### **NIXON FORK GOLD MINE**

On 22 September 2009, the Company finalized the acquisition of 100% interest in the Nixon Fork Gold Mine from Pacific North West Capital Corp. ("PFN") through the purchase of Mystery Creek Resources, Inc. located 56 km northeast of McGrath, Alaska.

Under terms of the Agreement;

- The Company paid US\$50,000 on signing of the letter agreement
- The Company paid further US\$450,000 over a six (6) month period
- Issued a total of US\$2.5 million in Company's shares at a deemed price of \$0.45 per share. In addition (1) million share purchase warrants at an exercise price of \$0.50 for a period of 24 months from the date of issue
- The Company refunded \$773,766, expenses incurred by PFN from 1 May until 22 September 2009

As a former high-grade gold mine, the Nixon Fork Gold Mine produced approximately 175,000 ounces of gold at an average grade of 39 grams per tonne ("g/t") (1.14 opt). This turn-key, mining-milling project is a fully operational mining facility that includes a 200+tpd flotation plant with a gravity gold separation circuit. In 2008, a complete carbon-in-leach ("CIL") gold recovery circuit was designed and purchased with approximately 60% installed to date. The mine also includes a fleet of mining vehicles, a self-contained diesel power plant, maintenance facilities, drilling equipment, an 85 person camp, office facilities and a 1.2 km long landing strip. Mining and processing operations at Nixon Fork are fully permitted and bonded.

Results of a Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) performed by Snowden Mining Industry Consultants Inc. ("Snowden") evaluating the resumption of underground mining at the Nixon Fork Gold Mine:

# **Current Company Activity**

At present the company is engaged in three primary activities at the Nixon Fork Mine Site:

- Preparing the mine for the eventual resumption of mining operations, including: rehabilitating underground excavations, rebuilding the mine mobile equipment, reestablishing or enhancing mine services and facilities, ordering additional mining equipment for production, and preparing a detailed mine plan
- 28,000 metre exploration and definition drilling to expand resources and support the detailed mine plan
- Construction of a 250 tpd cyanidation circuit in the mill for the recovery of gold from existing and future post-gravity / postflotation tailings



# Scope of this Study:

This PEA focuses on the resumption of underground mining and processing with a production rate of 150 tpd. The mineral inventories in this report are based on the most current resource estimate (Giroux, 2010), which do not include the results of ongoing ore definition and exploration drilling performed in 2010 and 2011. At the direction of FAU, this study focuses on the first two years of mining, though the resources are not depleted during this period.



## **Details from the Study:**

**Geotechnical Evaluation:** Stability analyses were performed based on underground mapping and core logging by Dr. Walter Keilich of Snowden. Final recommendations for the Crystal Mine included bolting patterns for all development and stoping areas (normally 1.8 m bolts on 1.2 to 1.3 m spacing), as well as a recommendation to cable bolt sublevel open stope walls.

**Mining Methods:** Three mining methods were identified as suitable for the mining zones: longhole open stoping, cut-and-fill, and shrinkage. Cut-off grades (COG) of between 12.5 g/t and 20 g/t were determined, based on

espect at a COC of 15 g/t

mining and access costs. Most stopes were assessed at a COG of 15 g/t.

Underground Development: Access development was designed at a uniform profile of 4.0mH x 4.0mW, with a maximum gradient of 15% applied to ramps stoping blocks, with a total requirement of 1,914 m

Table 6: Potentially Economic Mineral Inventories

average of 82 m per month.

**Mineral Inventory:** A potentially economic inventory of 101,249 tonnes grading 30.2 g/t was generated for three mining areas, as shown in Table 6.

**Mining to Depth:** Approximately 50% of the mineral inventory is at depth in the Crystal Mine. At present this is a zero-discharge operation. The water table has not been defined at present.

	Tonnes	Grade
Area	kt	Au g/t
Crystal	87.5	30.6
Southern Cross	1.39	19.2
Mystery	12.4	28.3
Total	101.3	30.2

The mine is quite dry with inflows of <1.0 l/s, though the water level at the bottom of the mine is known to fluctuate seasonally by as much as 6 vertical metres. The Company has several plans in place to facilitate mining to depth, including the installation of dammed reservoirs in the mine to contain mine water, recycling mine water for drill requirements, using spraying misters to evaporate excess water.

**Production Forecast:** A processing rate of 150 tpd or 4500 tonnes per month was assumed for the duration of the two-year production forecast. In general two to four stoping areas are assumed to be active at a time. The forecast was prepared with a "high grade early" strategy. During the first year, mining only occurs in the 3000 and 330 zones of the Crystal Mine. The Mystery Mine begins production in the 18<sup>th</sup> month.

Table 7: Project Forecast – Material Movement and Feed Grades

Zene	16 norm	1					Year 1	by Mont	th					Total
Zone	Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
3077	tonnes	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	4,500	4,500	9,000
30//	g/t											49.0	33.8	41.4
3000D	tonnes	1,125	2,250	2,982	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,357
20000	g/t	42.1	42.1	42.0										42.1
2200 200	tonnes		-	393	4,500	4,500	4,500	298	-	4,248	4,500	-	-	22,940
3300_300	g/t	Ü.		37.8	37.8	37.8	34.2	31.3		29.4	24.0			32.7
3300_383 tonnes g/t	tonnes		-	-	-	-	-	4,202	4,500	252	-	-	-	8,954
							24.8	24.8	18.2				24.6	
SC	tonnes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	g/t													
Mystery		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total mill feed	tonnes	1,125	2,250	3,375	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	47,250
Feed grade	g/t	42.1	42.1	41.5	37.8	37.8	34.2	25.2	24.8	28.8	24.0	49.0	33.8	34.1
Cont	\$/oz	371.9	337.9	330.9	356.0	356.5	393.3	527.9	537.9	467.1	561.1	268.5	392.5	447.4
Cost	S/t	504.0	458.0	441.5	432.4	433.1	432.0	428.3	428.9	432.5	433.0	423.3	426.8	434.0

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Zone	Item	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Total
3077	tonnes	452	3,398	1,638	4,443	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,931
3011	g/t	44.4	28.4	27.3	29.4									29.4
3000D	tonnes	4,048	-	-	57	-	4,500	2,486	-	-	-	-		11,091
20000	g/t	33.7			33.7		24.7	23.9						27.8
2200 200	tonnes	-	-	2,862	-	4,500	-	624	3,795	-	-	4,500	1,110	17,391
3300_300	g/t			30.7		29.4		19.8	23.1			20.3	16.9	24.7
tonn	tonnes	-	1,102			-		-	705	-			-	1,807
2200_202	3300_383 g/t		18.2						18.2					18.2
SC	tonnes		-	-	-	-	-	1,390	-	-	-	-	-	1,390
36	g/t							19.2						19.2
Mustani		-	-	-	-	-	-		-	4,500	4,500	-	3,389	12,389
Mystery		Ţ.								31.7	21.2		33.3	28.3
Total mill feed	tonnes	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,499	53,999
Feed grade	g/t	34.8	25.9	29.5	29.4	29.4	24.7	21.9	22.3	31.7	21.2	20.3	29.2	26.7
C4	\$/oz	386.8	512.0	456.6	453.0	456.7	546.4	613.4	605.5	431.5	641.1	665.6	469.4	447.4
Cost	S/t	432.4	426.5	432.6	428.7	432.3	433.6	431.2	434.4	439.9	436.6	434.1	441.4	433.6

**Metallurgy and Processing:** Gold recovery assumptions were based on historical performance for gravity and flotation circuits and the results of the August 2010 PEA for cyanidation. An allowance was included for incremental improvement of total recovery through start-up, from 90% on commissioning to 95% as the assumed maximum recovery.

**Capital Requirement:** The capital requirement for the Project is low, as shown in Table 8, because of the extensive existing infrastructure, facilities, and mobile equipment at site. The primary requirement is working capital, comprising 60% of the estimated capital requirement. Annual sustaining capital was included at 2.5% of the start-up capital requirement.

Table 8- Estimati	on of Capital	Requirement	
Item	Units	Unit cost (\$M)	Total cost (\$M)
Remote loader	1	0.500	0.500
20t underground truck	2	0.400	0.800
Forklift for bolting	1	0.130	0.130
Alimiak/rail/accessories	1	0.300	0.300
Misting sprayer	1	0.075	0.075
First fill supplies	1	0.150	0.150
Subtotal			1.955
Contingency	30%		0.590
Working capital	1.5	2.500	3.750
Total			6.295

**Operating Costs**: Over the two-year duration of this study, operating costs have been estimated to average \$/oz or \$/tonne, broken out by category as follows:

Item \$/t processed \$/tOz produce					
Mining Cost	124	128			
Processing Cost	190	196			
G & A Cost	120	124			
Total	434	447			

*Financial Model:* Three gold prices were used: \$1,033/oz, representing a three year average price, \$1,200/oz, the "Base Case" price requested by FAU, and \$1500/oz representing an optimistic case. The results of the analysis are shown in Table 10.

	Gold price (\$US/tOz)						
ltem	Units	1,033	1,200	1,500			
Undiscounted cash flow	\$USM	47.8	64.3	93.6			
NPV @ 5% discount	\$USM	45.3	60.9	88.9			
IRR	%	462	549	853			
Payback period	Months	4	3	3			

No revenues were included for copper or silver, though the operation has received payment for both metals in the past. This was due to lack of support for a resource estimate for these two metals. The payback period is estimated at 3 months for all cases. The short duration is a direct result of the low capital requirement.

Sensitivity analyses were performed over the range of -25% to +25% of the base case assumptions for gold price/process recovery, development costs, development capacity, process and G&A costs, and underground production costs.

As shown in, the project is most sensitive to the gold price.

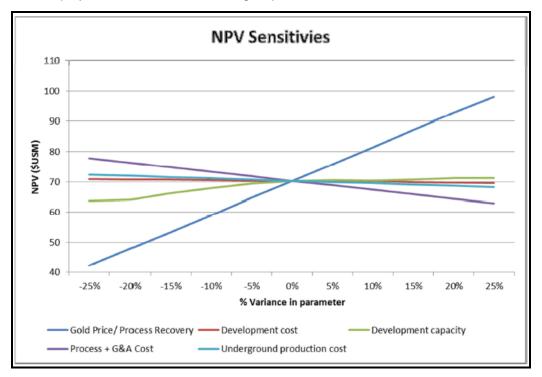


Figure 1: Sensitivity Analyses for Two Year Plan

**Conclusions:** Snowden has determined that there is potential for profitable operations from the first 24 months of production at the Nixon Fork Mine based on the most current resource estimate (Giroux, 2010). The base case of \$1,200/oz Au returns an undiscounted cash flow of \$64.3 M and an IRR of 549% for this two year plan.

# Recommendations:

Snowden makes the following recommendations:

- 1. A substantial exploration program should be maintained to replace mineral reserves on an annual basis
- 2. Ongoing work is required to accurately determine depletion of resources by prior mining campaigns
- 3. Definition drilling should be ongoing to upgrade the resources to Measured or Indicated prior to completing a prefeasibility study
- 4. One of the principal drivers of the high cut-off grade is the processing rate, and a mill expansion should be evaluated. The mineral inventory at a lower cut-off grade of 10 g/t is almost double that at 15 g/t
- 5. FAU should proceed with its plans to define and control the moderate inflows of ground water

Use of this Study:

In September 2010, the Company completed a PEA that assessed the viability of completing a cyanidation circuit for the purpose of recovering gold from an existing tailings pond (refer to press release dated 29 September 2010) and increase overall gold recovery from future mining. Construction of the cyanidation circuit began in January 2011 and is projected to be complete and operational by summer 2011. This study does not incorporate the resources contained in the historic tailings pond (Indicated: 92,000 tonnes @ 7.9 g/t; inferred 48,000 tonnes @ 7.4 g/t) nor does it include the financial benefit of recovering the gold from these tailings through the cyanidation circuit, as defined in the September 2010 PEA.

The Company will combine the results of the two PEAs as components of an internal operational mine plan, modelling the financial results obtained from mining 150 tpd from the underground and operating the cyanidation circuit at 250 tpd with supplemental feed from the historic tailings pond for six months of the year.

The Company is well funded, with \$13.8 M CAD in its treasury (as at 9 February 2011), and estimates that the current funding will complete the construction of the cyanidation circuit, provide the start up capital for the mine, and sustain ongoing company G&A costs through the production ramp up period. However, FAU will be seeking to make available additional sources of funding of up to \$10M to act as a contingency to supplement working capital needs for the transition from development to production, and to expand the exploration program.

As a result, the Company is pursuing alternative methods of financing such as a line of credit, off take agreement, gold loan and/or additional equity.

This assessment is preliminary in nature and includes the assessment of Inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as Mineral Reserves. There is no certainty that the evaluation reported in this preliminary assessment will be realized.

The key findings of the study are as follows:

- The current resource is sufficient to sustain a two year production forecast at a production rate of 150 tonnes per day with an average mined grade of 30.1 g/t using an average cut-off grade of approximately 15 g/t
- The mineral inventories in this report are based on the most current resource estimate (Giroux, 2010), which do not include the results of ongoing definition and exploration drilling performed in 2010 and 2011. At the direction of FAU, this study focuses on the first two years of mining, though the resources are not depleted during this period
- Capital costs to resume production are estimated to be \$6.3 M with a projected payback of 3 months
- Operating costs are estimated at \$434/t or \$447/oz for the first two years of operations
- At a gold price of \$1200 per oz Au, the project delivers an IRR of 549% and NPV of \$60.9M on an undiscounted cash flow of \$64.3M over the first two operating years

# **Ball Mill Clean Up**

Approximately 513 kg of material was removed from behind the liners of the ball mill. This material is comprised of ground ore from previous mining operations, steel fragments from liner wear and worn down milling balls. A total of 900.5 ounces of gold was recovered from 373 kg of this material. The remaining 140 kg of material is comprised of steel balls and the coarsest fraction of the mined ore. The gold content in this remaining material is not known at present. An aggregate of \$1,130,137 was generated and recovered from this mill clean up program.

## Selected quarterly financial information

The following selected financial information is derived from the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

# For the Quarters Ended (unaudited)

	30 Apr. 2011	31 Jan. 2011	31 Oct. 2010	31 Jul. 2010	30 Apr. 2010	31 Jan. 2010	31 Oct. 2009	31 Jul. 2009
Total revenues	\$ 30,755	\$ 18,417	\$ 102,400	\$ 254,564	\$ 2,262	\$ 22,639	\$ 5,789	\$ 2,617
Net loss	(755,765)	(1,276,912)	(585,180)	(295,338)	(724,361)	(843,920)	(514,443)	(232,539)
Net loss per share	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.153)
Total assets	37,875,005	29,941,993	22,009,859	23,014,144	13,834,464	13,925,936	12,291,127	2,098,602

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Six months ended 30 April 2011

Net loss and comprehensive loss for the six months ended 30 April 2011 was \$ 2,131,272 as compared to \$1,301,604 for the same period in 2010. The Company is in the process of acquiring, exploring and developing mineral properties in Alaska. The Company will attempt to bring the properties to production. The Company has not generated any revenue since inception. The increase in loss of \$829,668 was mainly attributable to:

- 1. An increase of \$500,095 in consulting fee from \$292,445 in 2010 to \$792,540 in 2011, due to increased activity in the Company's private placement financings and other new programs;
- 2. An increase of \$438,200 in stock-based compensation, from \$154,080 in 2010 to \$592,280 in 2011, due to the issuance of new stock options to employees and consultants;
- 3. An increase of \$144,848 in reclamation and accretion expense, from \$NIL in 2010 to \$144,848 in 2011, due to increased reclamation and closure costs;
- 4. A decrease of \$14,380 in corporate development expense from \$79,768 in 2010 to \$65,388 in 2011;
- A decrease of \$62,830 in filing fees, from \$89,683 in 2010 to \$26,853 in 2011;
- 6. A decrease of \$53,717 in insurance expense from \$65,883 in 2010 to \$12,166 in 2011, due to timing of expense recognition. A total of \$12,673 is included in prepaid expenses as at October 31, 2010;
- 7. A decrease of \$132,730 in legal, from \$138,249 in 2010 to \$5,519 in 2011, due to Nixon Ford Mine title search prepared and brokered private placements with Lowen, Ondaatje, McCutcheon Limited, M Partners Inc. and Macquarie Capital Markets Canada Inc. in the previous year; and
- 8. A decrease of \$27,509 in rent, from \$40,291 in 2010 to \$12,782 in 2011, due to charging the expense directly to the Nixon Fork Mine Project in Alaska.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

At 30 April 2011, the Company's working capital, defined as current assets less current liabilities, was \$15,487,147 compared with working capital of \$8,051,140 at 31 October 2010. During the six month period, the Company purchased mining equipment amounting to \$3,529,208.

## **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements include, amongst other things, depreciation, determination of net recoverable value of assets, determination of fair value on taxes, and share compensation. These estimates are reviewed periodically (at least annually), and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

A detailed summary of all of the Company's significant accounting policies is included in Note 1 of the consolidated financial statements for the period ended 30 April 2011.

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - RECOGNITION AND MEASUREMENT

Section 3855 requires that all financial assets and financial liabilities be measured at fair value on initial recognition except for certain related party transaction. Financial instruments classified as held-for-trading are measured at fair value and unrealized gains and losses are included in the net income in the period in which they arise. The Company has historically measured these instruments at the lower of cost and market value and any unrealized gains or losses have been included in net income.

## **COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

Section 1530 introduces other comprehensive income (loss). Comprehensive income (loss) includes both net earnings (losses) and other comprehensive income. Other comprehensive income (loss) includes holding gains and losses on available-for-sale investments, gains and losses on certain derivative instruments and any foreign currency gains and losses relating to self-sustaining foreign operations where applicable, all of which are not included in the calculation of net earnings (loss) until realized. The only impact on the Company of adopting these new standards was the recognition of unrealized gains and losses on investments, which has been included as part of shareholders' equity under "Other Comprehensive Loss". As required by the prospective implementation of these new standards, the comparative consolidated financial statements have not been restated.

# FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

The Company's consolidated financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, amounts receivable, accounts payable and due to related parties. These fair value estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment, and, therefore, cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect these estimates. The Company does not hold or issue financial instruments for trading purposes, nor does it utilize derivative instruments in the management of foreign exchange, commodity price or interest rate market risks.

## a) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises primarily from the Company's cash and cash equivalents and amounts receivable. The Company manages its credit risk relating to cash and cash equivalents by dealing only with highly-rated Canadian financial institutions. As at 30 April 2011, amounts receivable were comprised of Harmonized Sales Tax receivable of \$213,306 and interest receivable of \$21,035. As a result, credit risk is considered insignificant.

# b) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company manages liquidity risk by continuously monitoring actual and projected cash flows and matching the maturity profile of financial assets and liabilities. As the Company's financial instruments are substantially comprised of cash and cash equivalents, liquidity risk is considered insignificant.

# c) Currency Risk

The Company is exposed to currency risk on its acquisition and exploration expenditures on its US properties since it has to convert Canadian dollars raised through equity financing in Canada to US dollars. The Company's expenditures will be negatively impacted if the US dollar increases versus the Canadian dollar.

The majority of the Company's cash flows and financial assets and liabilities are denominated in Canadian dollars, which is the Company's functional and reporting currency. Foreign currency risk is limited to the portion of the Company's business transactions denominated in currencies other than the Canadian dollar. The Company has cash and cash equivalents held in US dollars.

The Company's objective in managing its foreign currency risk is to minimize its net exposures to foreign currency cash flows by holding most of its cash and cash equivalents in Canadian dollars. The Company monitors and forecasts the values of net foreign currency cash flow and balance sheet exposures and from time to time could authorize the use of derivative financial instruments such as forward foreign exchange contracts to economically hedge a portion of foreign currency fluctuations.

The following tables provide an indication of the Company's significant foreign currency exposures during the period ended 30 April 2011:

	30 April 2011	31 October 2010
Cash and cash equivalents	US\$ 7,419,323	US\$ 3,026,978

The Company receives interest revenues denominated in US dollars on the financial assets denominated in US dollars. However, the Company does not currently view this exposure as a significant foreign exchange risk as the amount of revenue is not significant.

The Company has not, to the date of these consolidated financial statements, entered into derivative instruments to offset the impact of foreign currency fluctuations.

# d) Interest Risk

The Company's interest rate risk is primarily related to the Company's cash and cash equivalents for which amounts were invested at interest rates in effect at the time of investment. Changes in market interest rates affect the fair market value of the cash and cash equivalents. However, as these investments come to maturity within a short period of time, the impact would likely not be significant.

## e) Commodity Price Risk

The Company is in the exploration stage and is not subject to commodity price risk.

#### INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

In January 2006, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board adopted a strategic plan, which includes the decision to move financial reporting for Canadian publicly accountable enterprises to a single set of globally accepted standards, IFRS, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The effective implementation date of the conversion from Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("Canadian GAAP") to IFRS is 1 November 2011, with an effective transition date of 1 November 2010 for financial statements prepared on a comparative basis. The Company is engaged in an assessment and conversion process which includes consultation with external consulting firms. The Company's approach to the conversion to IFRS includes three phases.

- Phase one, an initial general diagnostic of its accounting policies and Canadian GAAP relevant to
  its financial reporting requirements to determine the key differences and options with respect to
  acceptable accounting standards under IFRS. This phase was completed in late 2009.
- Phase two, an in-depth analysis of the IFRS impact in those areas identified under phase one.
   During 2010, the Company substantially completed assessing and quantifying IFRS transition adjustments. The Company's auditors are in the process of completing their review of these adjustments. A summary of this analysis is provided in Table 2 below.
- Phase three, the implementation of the conversion process, including the completion of the
  opening balance sheet as at 1 November 2010 together with related discussion and notes, has
  commenced. Preliminary drafts of financial statement disclosures have been prepared in order to
  ensure systems are in place to collect the necessary data; to date no significant changes to
  current procedures have been identified.

The Company's IT accounting and financial reporting systems are not expected to be significantly impacted.

The above comments, including the summary in Table 2, should not be considered as a complete and final list of the changes that will result from the transition to IFRS as the Company intends to maintain a current and proactive approach based on changes in circumstances and no final determinations have been made. IFRS standards, and the interpretation thereof, are constantly evolving. As a result, the Company expects there may be new or revised IFRS accounting standards prior to the issuance of its first IFRS financial statements. The Company is continuing to monitor IFRS accounting developments and updates and will assess their impact in the course of its transition process to IFRS.

Table 2. Summary of financial statements impact on transition from Canadian GAAP to IFRS.

Key Area	Canadian GAAP (as currently applied)	IFRS	Analysis and preliminary conclusions
Property, plant and equipment ("PP&E")	PP&E is recorded at historical cost.	PP&E can be recorded using the cost (on transition to IFRS, the then fair value can be deemed to be the cost) or revaluation models.	PP&E will continue to be recorded at their historical costs due to the complexity and resources required to determine fair values on an annual basis.
	Depreciation is based on their useful lives after due estimation of their residual values.	Depreciation must be based on the useful lives of each significant component within PP&E.	Based on an analysis of PP&E and its significant components, the Company has determined that no change to their useful lives is warranted and, therefore, depreciation expense will continue to be calculated using the same rates under IFRS.
Mineral properties	Exploration, evaluation and development costs are capitalized when incurred. They are amortized on the basis of production or written off when the prospect is no longer deemed prospective or is abandoned.	IFRS 6 provides the Company with the option of expensing the exploration and evaluation costs as incurred, or deferring these costs until technical feasibility and commercial viability has been determined, at which point they are transferred to the development and production phase and allocated to specific projects.	The existing accounting policy will be maintained.
Asset retirement obligations ("ARO")	Canadian GAAP limits the definition of ARO to legal obligations.	IFRS defines ARO as legal or constructive obligations.	The broadening of this definition will not cause a significant change in the Company's current estimates.
	ARO is calculated using a current credit-adjusted, risk-free rate for upward adjustments, and the original credit-adjusted, risk-free rate for downward revisions. The original liability is not adjusted for changes in current discount rates.	ARO is calculated using a current pre-tax discount rate (which reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risk specific to the liability) and is revised every reporting period to reflect changes in assumptions or discount rates.	The Company expects to record a transition adjustment. In accordance with IFRIC 1, the effect of any changes to an existing ARO as a result of changes in market interest rates is added to or deducted from the cost of the related asset.

Key Area	Canadian GAAP	IFRS	Analysis and preliminary
	(as currently applied)	IFRS requires that, on transition, the net book value of the asset related to ARO be adjusted on the basis of the ARO balance existing at inception.	conclusions  The Company will rely on the IFRS 1 exemption which allows a company to use current estimates of future reclamation costs and current amortization rates to determine the net book value on transition to IFRS.
Impairment of long lived assets	Impairment tests of its long-term assets are considered annually based on indications of impairment.	Impairment tests of "cash generating units" are considered annually in the presence of indications of impairment.	Assets will continue to be grouped under the Company's various mining operations. Currently, there are no indications of impairment and, therefore, no impairment test has been performed.
Stock-based compensation	The Company recognizes stock-based compensation on straight line method and updates the value of the options for forfeitures as they occur.	Under IFRS, stock-based compensation is amortized under the graded method only. In addition, the Company is required to update its value of options for each reporting period for expected forfeitures.	The Company will record an IFRS income statement and balance sheet adjustment at 1 November 2010. The Company will rely on the IFRS 1 exemption and apply IFRS for stock options granted on or after 2 November 2002 and did not vest before the transition date.
	The Company included stock-based compensation in contributed surplus and previously recognized compensation cost is not reversed if a vested employee stock option expires unexercised.	IFRS does not preclude the Company from recognizing a transfer of compensation costs within equity (i.e. from contributed surplus to deficit) after vesting.	The Company does not intend to transfer stock-based compensation expense included in contributed surplus to another component of equity.

The above assessment and conclusions are based on the analysis completed by the Company as of the date of this report and may be subject to change.

The quantification of the amounts that resulted from the differences between Canadian GAAP and IFRS relating to the key standards are based on management's estimates and decisions, and are subject to further internal review and audit by the Company's external auditors.

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the period ended 30 April 2011, the following related party transactions took place:

During the period ended 30 April 2011, the Company paid or accrued \$218,474 to Pacific North West Capital Corp. ("PFN"), a company related to the Company by way of directors in common, for general operating expenses (30 April 2010 – \$142,445).

During the period ended 30 April 2011, the Company paid or accrued consulting fees of \$130,955 (30 April 2010 - \$70,493) to Richard Goodwin, former Vice President of Mining of the Company and the new President and COO.

During the period ended 30 April 2011, the Company paid or accrued consulting fees of \$60,000 (30 April 2010 - \$5,500) to Onestar Consulting Inc., a company owned by the Vice President of Business Development of the Company.

During the previous year, the Company reimbursed \$773,766 for exploration expenditures, to PFN, a company related by way of directors in common, on signing of the letter agreement for the acquisition of the Nixon Fork Mine from PFN. As part of the acquisition process, the Company also exercised its option to purchase a 100% interest in Mystery Creek Resources, Inc. ("MCR"). MCR's assets include the Nixon Fork Gold Mine, located 56 kilometers northeast of McGrath, Alaska.

#### **OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

The Company is authorized to issue unlimited common shares without par value. As at 30 April 2011, there were 98,685,023 outstanding common shares compared to 59,821,490 outstanding shares at 31 October 2010.

#### **Private Placements**

On 21 May 2009, the Company completed its IPO of an aggregate of 1,543,100 units at \$0.30 for gross proceeds of \$462,930. Each Unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant, with each whole warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase an additional common share of the Company at a price of \$0.40 per share until 21 May 2011.

Haywood Securities Inc. ("Haywood") acted as agent in connection with the IPO. In consideration for its services, Haywood received: (i) a cash commission in the amount of \$46,293, representing 10% of gross proceeds of the offering; (ii) a work fee of \$17,500 plus GST; and (iii) was granted 154,310 non-transferable Agent's Warrants. Each Agent's Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one unit (the "Agent's Unit") exercisable on or before 21 May 2011 at an exercise price of \$0.30 per Agent's Unit. Each Agent's Unit consists of one common share and one-half of one share purchase warrant exercisable at a price of \$0.40 per share on or before 21 May 2011.

On 27 July 2009, the Company completed the first tranche closing pertaining to its non-brokered private placement and has issued 4,934,044 units at \$0.30 per unit for gross proceeds of \$1,480,213. Each unit consisted of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of issue at an exercise price of \$0.40 per share. In connection with this first tranche closing the Company has paid an aggregate of \$41,709 as a finder's fee.

On 16 September 2009, the Company completed the second tranche closing pertaining to its non-brokered private placement and issued 1,973,673 units at \$0.30 per unit for gross proceeds of \$592,102. Each unit consisted of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of issue at an exercise price of \$0.40 per share. In connection with this second tranche closing the Company has paid an aggregate of \$22,035 as a finder's fee.

On 29 September 2009, the Company completed the third tranche closing pertaining to its non-brokered private placement and issued 2,464,000 units at \$0.30 per unit for gross proceeds of \$739,200. Each unit consisted of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of issue at an exercise price of \$0.40 per share. In connection with this third tranche closing the Company has paid an aggregate of \$49,644 as a finder's fee.

On 22 October 2009, the Company completed the fourth tranche closing pertaining to its non-brokered private placement and issued 3,264,039 units at \$0.30 per unit for gross proceeds of \$979,212. Each unit consisted of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of issue at an exercise price of \$0.40 per share. In connection with this fourth tranche closing the Company has paid an aggregate of \$27,385 as a finder's fee.

On 10 November 2009, the Company completed the fifth and final tranche closing pertaining to its non-brokered private placement and issued 438,000 units at \$0.30 per unit for gross proceeds of \$131,400. Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company for a period of 18 months from the date of issue at an exercise price of \$0.40 per share.

On 17 December 2009, the Company completed the first tranche pertaining to its brokered private placements with Loewen, Ondaatje, McCutcheon Limited as lead agent, M Partners Inc. and Macquarie Capital Markets Canada Inc. (collectively the "Agents") and issued 6,000,000 units at \$0.50 per unit for gross proceeds of \$3,000,000. Each unit consisted of one common share and one-half of one common share purchase warrant, each whole warrant exercisable to acquire one additional common share at a price of \$0.75 per common share, for a period of 18 months after the closing date of the private placement, the Agents received a cash commission of \$175,880, and were issued an aggregate of 409,700 compensation options, each of which is exercisable into one unit at a price of \$0.50 expiring on 21 June 2011. These Units have the same terms as the Units sold under the private placement.

On 18 March 2010, the Company completed the second and final tranche pertaining to its brokered private placements with Loewen, Ondaatje, McCutcheon Limited as lead agent, M Partners Inc. and Macquarie Capital Markets Canada Inc. and issued 490,000 units at \$0.50 per unit for gross proceeds of \$245,000. Each unit consisted of one common share and one-half of one common share purchase warrant, each whole warrant exercisable to acquire one additional common share at a price of \$0.75 per common share, for a period of 18 months after the closing date of the private placement.

On 11 May 2010, the Company completed the first tranche of its non-brokered private placement and issued 9,063,750 units at \$0.40 per unit for gross proceeds of \$3,625,500. Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company for a period of 18 months from the date of issue at an exercise price of \$0.60 per share. In connection with this first tranche closing the Company has paid in cash an aggregate of \$130,675 as a finder's fee.

On 3 June 2010, the Company completed the second and final tranche of its non-brokered private placement and issued 1,518,500 units at \$0.40 per unit for gross proceeds of \$607,400. Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company for a period of 18 months from the date of issue at an exercise price of \$0.60 per share. In connection with this second and final tranche closing the Company has paid in cash an aggregate of \$27,570 as a finder's fee.

On 21 July 2010, the Company completed its non-brokered private placement and issued 11,000,000 units at \$0.50 per unit for gross proceeds of \$5,500,000. Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company for a period of 18 months from the date of issue at an exercise price of \$0.75 per share. In connection with this non-brokered private placement closing the Company has paid in cash an aggregate of \$204,230 and 26,040 shares valued at \$16,666 as finder's fee.

On 18 November 2010, the Company completed the first tranche of its non-brokered private placement and has issued 12,883,083 units at a price of \$0.45 per unit for gross proceeds of \$5,797,387. Each unit consists of one common share and one-half of one non-transferable share purchase warrant. Each whole share purchase warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.65 per share for a period of 18 months, subject to an accelerated expiry provision, such that, in the event that the Company's shares close at or above \$0.90 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV"), the expiry date may be accelerated to 30 days. All of the common shares issued pursuant to this closing carry a legend restricting them from trading until 19 March 2011.

On 7 December 2010, the Company completed the second tranche of its non-brokered private placement and has issued 2,783,411 units at a price of \$0.45 per unit for gross proceeds of \$1,252,535 and an aggregate amount of total issuance of 15,666,494 units for gross proceeds of \$7,049,922. Each unit consists of one common share and one-half of one non-transferable share purchase warrant. Each whole share purchase warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of \$0.65 per share for a period of 18 months, subject to an accelerated expiry provision, such that, in the event that the Company's shares close at or above \$0.90 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSXV, the expiry date may be accelerated to 30 days. All of the common shares issued pursuant to this closing carry a legend restricting them from trading until 8 April 2011.

On 30 December 2010, the Company completed the third and final tranche of its non-brokered private placement and issued 3,128,514 units at a price of \$0.45 per unit for gross proceeds of \$1,407,831 and an aggregate amount of total issuance of 18,795,008 units for gross proceeds of \$8,457,753. Each unit consists of one common share and one-half of one non-transferable share purchase warrant. Each whole share purchase warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.65 per share for period of 18 months. All of the common shares issued pursuant to this closing carry a legend restricting them from trading until 1 May 2011.

On 18 March 2011, the Company completed the first tranche of its non-brokered private placement and issued 4,425,000 units at a price of \$0.50 per unit for gross proceeds of \$2,212,500. Each unit consists of one common share and one-half of one non-transferable share purchase warrant. Each whole share purchase warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.70 per share for period of 18 months, subject to an accelerated expiry provision, such that, in the event that the Company's shares close at or above \$0.90 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSXV, the expiry date may be accelerated to 30 days. All of the common shares issued pursuant to this closing carry a legend restricting them from trading until 18 July 2011.

On 8 April 2011, the Company completed the second and final tranche of its non-brokered private placement and issued 10,390,326 units at a price of \$0.50 per unit for gross proceeds of \$5,195,163. Each unit consists of one common share and one-half of one non-transferable share purchase warrant. Each whole share purchase warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.70 per share for period of 18 months, subject to an accelerated expiry provision, such that, in the event that the Company's shares close at or above \$0.90 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSXV, the expiry date may be accelerated to 30 days. All of the common shares issued pursuant to this closing carry a legend restricting them from trading until 9 August 2011.

## Other

On 23 June 2009, the Company issued 200,000 common shares of the Company valued at \$75,000 to acquire a 100% interest in the Kansas Creek Gold Project.

On 2 October 2009, the Company issued 6,415,000 common shares of the Company valued at \$2,670,750 and issued 1,000,000 share purchase warrants at an exercise price of \$0.50 per share valued at \$225,670 to acquire 100% of the issued and outstanding common shares of MCR.

On 5 October 2009, the Company issued 500,000 common shares of the Company valued at \$200,000 to acquire a 100% interest in the Golden Zone Property.

On 18 December 2009, the Company issued 225,000 share purchase warrants at an exercise price of \$0.75 per share valued at \$35,125 to acquire 1% Net Smelter Return Royalty related to Nixon Fork Gold Mine from Ambrian Partners Limited.

On 8 April 2010, the Company issued 35,000 common shares of the Company valued at \$14,000 to Moody Capital LLC for consulting services.

## **Exercise of Warrants and Options**

During the previous year, 39,888 agent compensation warrants were exercised at an exercise price of \$0.30 per share.

During the previous year, 1,586,455 warrants were exercised at an exercise price of \$0.40 per share.

During the period, 58,381 agent compensation warrants were exercised at an exercise price of \$0.30 per share.

During the period, 5,101,068 warrants were exercised at an exercise price of \$0.40 per share.

During the period, 93,750 stock options were exercised at an exercise of \$0.40 per share.

# **Escrow Shares**

A total of Nil common shares of the Company were held in escrow as at 30 April 2011 (31 October 2010 – 3,612,001 common shares).

# **Stock Options**

The Company has established a share purchase option plan, as amended on 24 March 2010, whereby the Board may from time to time grant up to 7,215,317 stock options to directors, officers, employees or consultants. Options granted must be exercised no later than ten years from date of grant or such lesser period as determined by the Company's board of directors. The exercise price of an option will be set by the Board of Directors at the time such option is granted and cannot be less than the closing market price on the TSXV on the last trading day preceding the grant date, less any allowable discounts that may be permitted under applicable exchange policies.

On 2 October 2009, 2,200,000 options were granted at an exercise price of \$0.40 with expiry on 2 October 2014.

On 25 June 2010, a total of 2,720,000 options were granted at an exercise price of \$0.55 with expiry on 25 June 2015.

On 17 September 2010, a total of 300,000 options were granted at an exercise price of \$0.60 with expiry on 17 September 2015.

On 18 October 2010, a total of 50,000 options were granted at an exercise price of \$0.55 with expiry on 18 October 2015.

On 14 February 2011, a total of 1,350,000 options were granted at an exercise price of \$0.55 with expiry on 14 February 2016.

## **DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that all relevant information is gathered and reported on a timely basis to senior management, so that appropriate decisions can be made regarding public disclosure. As at the end of the period covered by this

management's discussion and analysis, management has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as required by Canadian securities laws.

Based on the evaluation of the disclosure controls performed to date, the Company is determined to strengthen internal controls over financial reporting.

#### INTERNAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Internal controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with the Canadian GAAP. As at the end of the year covered by this management's discussion and analysis, management had designed and implemented internal controls and procedures as required by Canadian securities laws.

The Company has evaluated the design of its internal controls and procedures over financial reporting for the period ended 30 April 2011. All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Management continues to review and refine its internal controls and procedures.

#### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The mineral industry is intensely competitive in all its phases. The Company competes with many other companies who have greater financial resources and experience. The market price of precious metals and other minerals is volatile and cannot be controlled. Exploration for minerals is a speculative venture.

There is no certainty that the money spent on exploration and development will result in the discovery of an economic ore body.

The Company's activities outside of Canada make it subject to foreign currency fluctuations and this may materially affect its financial position and results.

The Company has limited financial resources, no source of operating cash flows and no assurances that sufficient funding, including adequate financing, will be available to conduct further exploration and development of its projects or to fulfill its obligations under the terms of any option. If the Company's generative exploration programs are successful, additional funds will be required for development of one or more projects. Failure to obtain additional financing could result in the delay or indefinite postponement of further exploration and development or the possible loss of the Company's properties.

### **OUTLOOK**

During the period ended 30 April 2010 Fire River raised in excess of \$25 million. With the Company now trading on the TSXV, the Company is well positioned to advance its primary project, the Nixon Fork Gold Mine in Alaska. Global markets are expected to continue improving during 2011 with precious/base metals anticipated to increase in value, positioning the Company to take advantage of its potential to be a near term gold producer which should attract increased investor interest for the Company. The Company will employ the joint venture model for its other Alaskan properties.

# **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

- **5 May 2011**, the Company issued 250,000 incentive stock options to C. Douglas Lang, a new director of the Company, at an exercise price of \$0.55 per common share for a period of five years. The option will vest over one year period with one-quarter of such options vesting in each three-month period.
- **12 May 2011**, the Company announced the appointment of Timothy G. Smith as Vice President, Operations. Mr. Smith has over 32 years' experience in the mining industry. He graduated from McGill University with a Bachelor of Engineering, Metallurgical, and has worked in copper, coal, gold, lead and

zinc operations throughout the U.S. Prior to joining Fire River Gold, Mr. Smith was V.P. of U.S. and Canadian Operations with Apollo Gold where he led the mine start up and mill expansion of the Black Fox Mine located outside of Timmins, Ontario. He was also General Manager of the Montana Tunnels polymetallic mine outside of Helena Montana. Mr. Smith was Operating Manager at Red Dog Mine in Alaska, with Cominco, for 7 years. His operating experience also includes work at the Sullivan (lead/zinc), David Bell (gold), Bullmoose (coal), Afton smelter (copper) and Similco (copper) mines. He is a professional engineer, registered in B.C., and holds dual U.S. and Canadian citizenships.

**16 May 2011**, the Company in its news release announced additional high-grade results obtained from holes drilled during its 2011, 28,000 metre drill program at the Nixon Fork Gold Mine. The Company has received and confirmed assay results from drillhole N11U-032 at the 3300 Zone.

The Company is currently operating two drills continuously in the Crystal Mine. They are primarily focussed on detailing mineralized zones scheduled for the first six months of mining, beginning in June 2011. This includes filling in gaps in mineralization and extending open zones along strike and dip. Hole N11-U032 targets the 3300 zone at the 220 meter mining elevation, which will be mined in the first six operating months. Mining has already begun on the 203 level beneath this intercept.

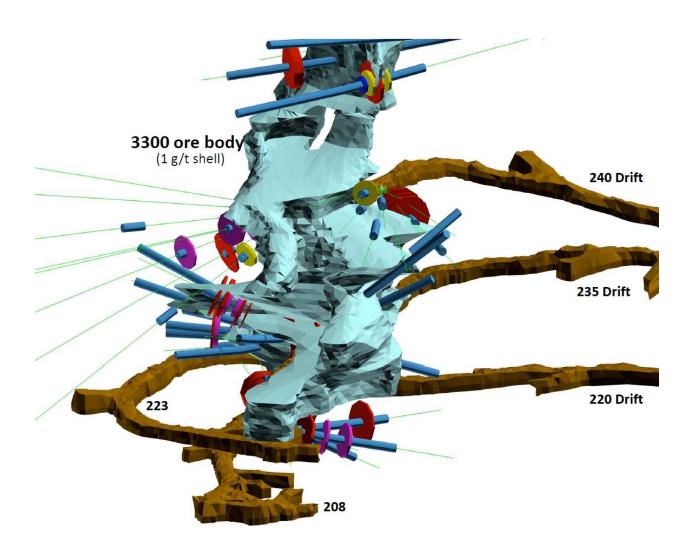


Illustration: Drillhole N11U 032 relative to the 3300 Orebody

- **17 May 2011**, the Company announced that it intends to extend the expiry date of common share purchase warrants exercisable at \$0.75 per share issued by the Company in its December 2009 private placement financing. Accordingly, the 21 June 2011 expiry dates of the 3,000,000 warrants which remain outstanding are extended to 21 June 2012, subject to approval by the TSX Venture Exchange.
- **18 May 2011**, the Company announced that it intends to extend the expiry date of common share purchase warrants exercisable at \$0.75 per share issued by the Company in its December 2009 private placement financing. Accordingly, the 19 July 2011 expiry dates of the 245,000 warrants which remain outstanding are extended to 19 July 2012, subject to approval by the TSXV.
- **19 May 2011**, the Company announced additional high grade gold intercepts arising from its drill program at the Nixon Fork Gold Mine, Alaska.

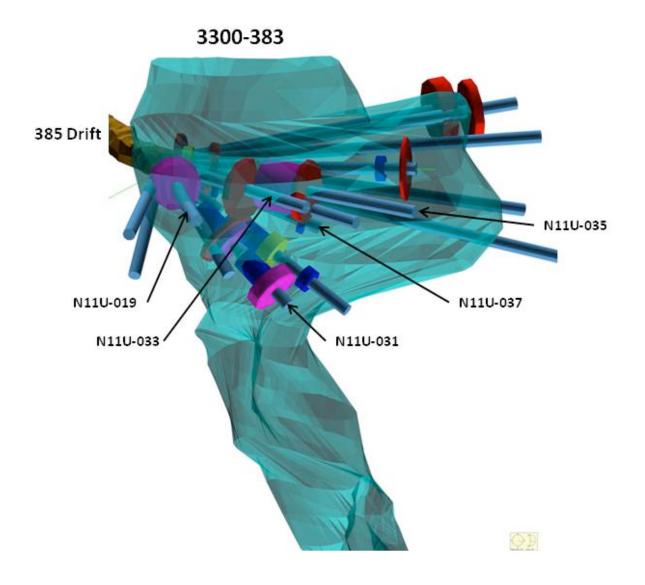
Hole N11U-036 was drilled in the 3300 zone in a portion of resources that extend from 208 mASL (meters above sea level) to 285 mASL. It helps to define a stope that is included in the mining plan for the first six months of operations.

Figure 1: Grade Shell (1g/t) for 3300 Orebody, 208 to 285 mASL



Holes N11U-035 and 037 were drilled in the upper portion of the mine near surface on the 3300 zone at an elevation of 383 mASL. They define what will become a two-level 20 m high longhole stope that will be mined in the first six months of operations.

Figure 2: 3300 Zone from 363 to 383 mASL



Hole N11U-036 represents the best intercept of the ongoing 28,000 m 2010/2011 drill program so far. The following table shows all intercepts for the which the grade multiplied by the thickness exceeds 300 gram – meters:

Table 2: Intercepts Exceeding 300 Gram- Meters

Hole #	Grade (g/t)	Thickness (m)	Gram - meters
N07U-061	498	3.0	1,494
N11U-036	146	7.2	1,054
N10U-041	126	6.0	748
N07U-049	110	6.7	737
N07U-048	128	5.1	653
N07U-053	27	24.0	648
N08U-011	140	4.6	644
N08U-023	122	4.4	537
N10U-024	161	2.8	449
N11U-032	71	5.9	423
N07U-059	67	6.3	422
N10U-038	29	13.7	395
N07U-050	78	4.8	374
N11U-033	41	9.0	370
N10U-043	65	5.5	361
N07U-065	144	2.5	360
N11U-034	26	13.1	345
N10U-044	124	2.7	337
N10U-033	92	3.6	334
N10U-042	76	4.1	312

To understand the significance of these and all previously released drill intercepts, it is important that one understands the geometry of the stopes, the mining methods that will be employed, and the overall mine operating plan.

# Geometry and Geology of the Deposit:

The Nixon Fork Gold Mine is a skarn deposit. Gold, silver and copper mineralization occurs along the contact of a quartz monzonite intrusion in limestone. The orebodies take the form of pipes that are more-or-less continuous vertically with steep dips of between 50 and 70 degrees, with occasional fault-induced off sets. The mineralized zones are defined geometrically by a low grade mineralization shell, producing massive stopes, as large as 30 m in diameter. Grade shells were used to represent the mineralization in both Figures 1 and 2. Figure 3 shows the 1 g/t mineralized shells that form the Crystal and Mystery Mine zones.

Crystal Mine

Mystery Mine

Exploration Zones:
Southern Cross, 3100
and J5A

Figure 3: Grade Shells for the Nixon Fork Mining Zones (1 g/t)

Looking back at Figures 1 and 2, the shapes of the grade shells are quite regular. Inside these grade shells are very high grade intercepts, such as those listed on Tables 1 and 2. The challenge for mine operations will be to capture all of the high grade intercepts while minimizing the inclusion of low grade material to achieve a high grade blended mill feed. These zones will be thoroughly definition-drilled before mining occurs, often to less than 6 m x 6 m density. A geological model will be produced prior to mining that will be based on the mining cut-off grade (nominally 10 g/t at today's prices). Figure 4 shows a geological model for the same segment of 3300 zone that is represented in Figure 2. The numerous light blue solids represent portions of the zone whose grade exceeds 10 g/t.

3300 Orebody (10 g/t cut-off) 240 Drift 235 Drift 223 220 Drift >30 g/t10 to 30 g/t 208 < 10 g/t

Figure 4: Geologic Model and New Drill Intercepts (3300 Zone)

Also shown in Figure 4 are new results from our 2011 program, including drill hole N11U-036. The intercepts are represented by colored cylinders on the drill holes. The length of the cylinder represents the length of the intercept. The grade of the intercept is represented by the cylinder size and its color as indicated in the legend. The fact that these cylinders occur outside the grade shell indicates that they are in addition to the known resource estimate. The stope shown as an example in Figure 4 will have its geological model updated to include the new intercepts prior to mining. However, regardless of how much drilling is done, the stope mineralization will not be fully understood until it is mined. The "gaps" between these solids indicate either that they are cut off by a low grade intercept or that the information is not available.

These zones will require a considerable amount of drilling, and the results will always be a mixture of low grade and high grade hits. Up to and including hole N11U-037, there have been 100 drill holes completed in 2010 and 2011; 32 with no significant intercept, 27 with low grade hits (<10 g/t), 27 with hits between 10 and 30 g/t and 14 with hits greater than 30 g/t. This ratio is typical of past drilling on the property and is expected to be typical of the drill results going forward. Because of the numerous gaps between drill holes, an important feature of mining will be thorough testhole sampling prior to abandoning a stope. Regardless of how dense the diamond drilling is, additional pockets of high grade mineralization will be discovered by sampling jackleg and jumbo drill cuttings. These assays will be used to plan additional

extraction through slashing walls, breasting backs, or benching floors prior to abandoning or filling the stope. A quick turn-around of numerous assays will be essential to mine functionality. Demonstrating this concept, Figure 3 shows the results of some drill cuttings assays in the 3300-208 stope drift from jackleg testhole drilling. One wall hole in the diagram shows an assay of 232 g/t and another at 171 g/t, neither of which was discovered by diamond drilling. These will be slashed before this level is filled. It should be noted that the assays on this diagram were performed in-house and should not be relied upon, since they were not verified by an independent assayer.

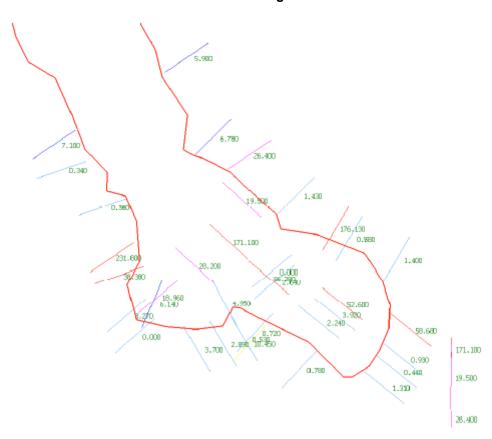


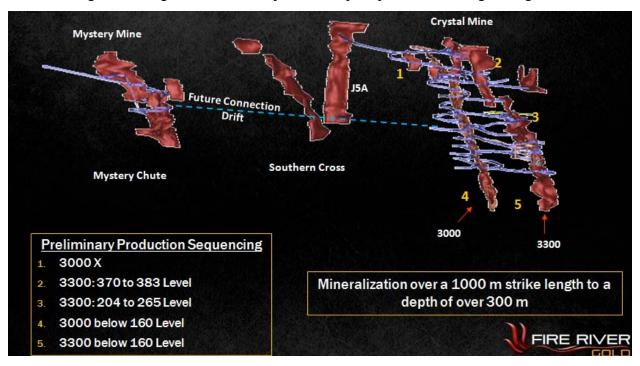
Figure 5: 3300 Zone at 208 mASL Stope Showing Test Hole Assays
Mining Methods

Selectivity will be paramount to mining operations at Nixon Fork Gold Mine. Accordingly, a drift and fill method is most appropriate. As there is no liquid fill, stopes will be filled with loose waste from the development program. Drift and fill mining will be done in 3 m lifts, with access provided on a temporary basis to each mining horizon through a combination of benching and breasting stope accesses. In some instances, shrinkage stoping will be deemed to be more appropriate. This will be accomplished by accessing the stope vertically with using a man raise. The stope will then be mined upward one slice at a time in 3 m vertical lifts using jackleg drill. For each 3 m lift, only the swell from the broken muck will be removed from the lowest extraction level to keep the floor at a working height from the stope back. At the end of the stope's life, it will be full of broken ore, which will then be mucked out to the mill. Shrinkage stoping will allow for grade selectivity in that the final extent of the stope can be determined by testhole sampling. However, any low grade inclusions will have to be taken with the ore, diluting the final grade. A longhole drill and remote 4 yd3 scooptram have been purchased such that the mine can employ longhole stoping. This will normally be done by using two elevations, a drill horizon and a mucking horizon with as much as 20 m of vertical separation. This mining method would have the least selectivity and any high grade segments will be diluted with lower grade material. However, it may be necessary to employ this method in stopes with span that are so large that the backs may not be stable. In these cases, a stable

mucking brow would be established for a remote scooptram wall slashes required to enter the open stope, operated by a miner standing in a safe location on an engineered platform. The back will be presupported with long bolts to minimize dilution. All three stoping methods will be used in the first six months of mining. Additional equipment purchases include two x 20 ton trucks, an additional 4 yd³ scooptram, underground forklift, and a single boom electric hydraulic drill jumbo. All units have been purchased and either en-route or being rebuilt. The last unit is projected to arrive at the end of June.

# The Mine Operating Plan

Figure 6: Longsection of the Crystal and Mystery Mines Showing Mining Plan



Production from the mine will be provided by the upper portion of the Crystal Mine for the first six months of operations (labelled 1 through 3) using all three mining methods described. Area 1, the 3000X Zone, will be mined with a drift and fill method followed by benching the floor. Area 2 contains a small longhole stope between 370 and 383 elevations of the 3300 zone. Area 3 is the most significant of the three. It contains a drift and fill stope at the base elevation (208 to 214 mASL), a drift and fill stope from 214 to 220 mASL, and two shrinkage stopes with mucknig horizons at 235 mASL. The mine plan for the rest of this area is till being developed. It is anticipated that ongoing diamond drilling and testhole sampling on mining will increase the mill feed from the upper portion of the Crystal Mine, extending its life beyond the six months currently anticipated. While the Upper Crystal is being extracted, the main ramp will be extended to depth, which is underway. This ramp extension will open up mining to depth on both the 3000 and 3300 zones, which are some of the best resources on the claim in terms of grade and geological continuity. It is anticipated that the known resources at depth will provide mill feed for approximately one year. The extension of the down ramp has been located in the tightly healed limestone according to the recommendations of a Golder report on ground water hydrology. The existing ramp bottom (shown in Figure 7) will be used a sump for the ongoing development program, pumping to a 200,000 gal water reservoir located at 190 m ASL level. Water will be drawn from the reservoir for production and diamond drilling and for muckpile watering.

Figure 7: Old Ramp Bottom



A second development face has also been started – the connection drift between Mystery and Crystal Mines shown as a dotted line on Figure 4. This will open up underground drill platforms for the zone between the mines, which is thought to be the best exploration target for identifying new zones and adding to the resources of the Southern Cross and J5A. Water inflows from this heading will also be directed to the sump at the old ramp bottom. Mining beyond this 18 month period will be in the Mystery Mine, in new zones between the two mines, and even deeper in the Crystal Mine on the 3000 and 3300 zones should additional resources be found at depth.

# Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC)

Rigorous controls are in place to ensure the traceability of samples and their results. Upon delivery core is prepped and logged with intervals of interest and/or mineralization marked for sampling. The core is subsequently photographed prior to cutting. Half the core is retained for future reference and the remaining half placed in double poly bags and sealed for shipment. Samples are delivered to ALS Chemex in Fairbanks, AK where they are dried, crushed, and representative splits are transported to ALS Chemex labs in either Reno, NV or Vancouver, BC for assay. ALS Chemex complies with the requirements for the International Standards ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 17025:1999. Analysis includes Fire Assay with gravimetric finish for gold and ICP for 33 other elements. Gold assay results greater than 5 ppm are automatically re-submitted for screen metallic analysis. QA/QC is verified using external standards, blanks, and duplicates with 13% of all samples submitted being QA/QC check samples. Results are examined ensuring control samples fall within 2.5 standard deviations of certified values. Failed results are re-analyzed by the lab and/or additional samples from the remaining core are submitted for analysis.

**6 June 2011**, the Company announced in its news release that results obtained from additional holes drilled during its 2011 drill program at the Nixon Fork Gold Mine,. The Company has received and confirmed assay results from drill holes N11U-038 to N11U-054 at the 3300 Zone. Complete listing of the drill hole intercepts are provided in Table 1. The widths of the intercepts are approximate to the true width of the mineralized intercept.

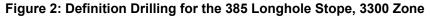
Table 1. Results from Holes N11U-038 to N11U-054

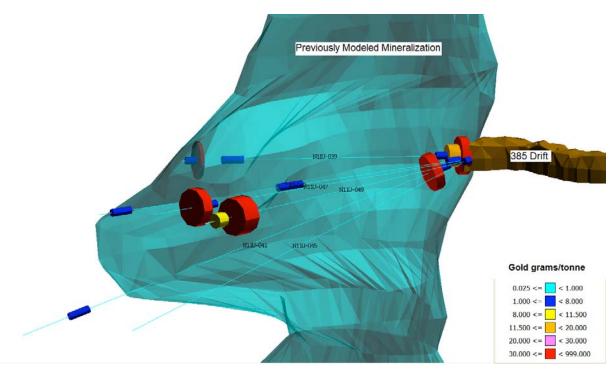
Location 3300 Zone								
HOLE NUMBER	FROM (m)	TO (m)	Width (m)	Au (g/t)	Au (opt)	Ag (g/t)	Ag (opt)	Cu (%)
N11U-038	NSI							
N11U-039	0	4.18	4.18	17.56	0.512	4.07	0.119	0.17
Including	0	2.69	2.69	24.58	0.717	3	0.087	0.22
N11U-040	1.22	4.12	2.9	33.28	0.971	9.54	0.278	0.71
N11U-041	2.04	5.18	3.14	28.92	0.843	11.38	0.332	1.08
Including	3.96	5.18	1.22	68.6	2.001	23	0.671	2.56
N11U-042 To N11U-045	NSI							
N11U-046	3	7.01	4.01	6.95	0.203	4.34	0.127	0.23
N11U-047	42.8	47	4.2	20.44	0.596	5.12	0.149	0.15
Including	45.51	47	1.49	52.5	1.531	7	0.204	0.2
N11U-048	16.41	20.73	4.32	11.25	0.328	3.78	0.11	0.34
Including	17.68	19.33	1.65	26.22	0.765	7.33	0.214	0.83
N11U-049	42.06	47.86	5.8	17.11	0.499	11.87	0.346	0.64
Including	42.06	44.68	2.62	32.3	0.942	19	0.554	1.11
N11U-050	15.37	19.02	3.65	11.08	0.323	3.57	0.104	0.32
Including	18.64	19.02	0.38	101.5	2.96	30	0.875	2.7
N11U-051	NSI							
N11U-052	11.97	20.39	8.42	107.13	3.125	36.26	1.058	1.82
Including	12.35	12.7	0.35	41.1	1.199	17	0.496	1.19
Including	13.72	18.8	5.08	164.05	4.785	54.68	1.595	2.68
N11U-053	NSI							
N11U-054	12.44	20.73	8.29	6.76	0.197	3.26	0.095	0.22

The Company is currently operating two drills continuously in the Crystal Mine. They are primarily focussed on detailing mineralized zones scheduled for the first six months of mining, beginning in June 2011. This includes filling in gaps in mineralization and extending open zones along strike and dip. Diamond drill holes N11U-038 through N11U-054 were successful in expanding known resources surrounding the 3300 ore body. Following trends suggested by earlier drilling, these not only confirmed additional mineralization but also support the validity of our new deeper understanding of the geology of this deposit. The following illustrations demonstrate how these diamond drill holes show new zones of mineralization outside of previously modelled areas. Figure 1 shows the block model in green, representing +10 g/t gold grades at the base of a shrinkage stope located at 235 mASL (meters above sea leve) in the 3300 zone. Figure 2 shows the 1g/t grade shell in the upper portion of the 3300 zone at 385 mASL, which will be a longhole stope. Both stopes will provide mill feed during the first six months of operation.

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Figure 1: Definition Drilling at 235 mASL in the 3300 Zone





The Company will continue its active drilling program ahead of advancing mining and adding to previous discoveries. With the coming of summer we will now pursue exploration of additional targets as our surface-drilling program commences.

**22 June 2011**, the Company announced that option agreements were entered into with directors, officers, employees and consultants granting the right to purchase an aggregate of 3,230,000 shares at an

exercise price of \$0.43 per share for a five year period, subject to approval by the TSX Venture Exchange.

**23 June 2011**, the Company announced the appointment of Fred Sveinson as Director of the Company. Mr. Sveinson is a professional mining engineer with 40 years experience in all aspects of the mining industry including exploration, development, construction, operation and financing of mineral projects in Canada and internationally.

Mr. Sveinson's career has encompassed mining in Zambia, the United States, Venezuela, and Canada including the Arctic, to senior management levels with such companies as Echo Bay Mines Ltd. and Dynatec Corp. He has established a solid reputation assembling successful operating teams, evaluating projects, re-structuring operations, and rejuvenating mines from 100 tpd to 2000 tpd. As President and CEO of Gold City Industries Ltd., and in conjunction with a joint venture participant, he was instrumental in acquiring the Bissett gold mining assets in Manitoba and merging the joint venture companies in 2005 into San Gold Corporation, which has become a successful gold mining company with a market capitalization of +\$1B. Mr. Sveinson was founder, President and CEO of Merit Mining Corp. until September, 2010 (now Huakan International Mining Inc.), where he developed a 200 tpd underground gold-copper mine to production near Greenwood, BC, and acquired and advanced the development of the J&L gold-silver-zinc-lead property near Revelstoke, one of the largest undeveloped polymetallic properties in BC.

## NEW PROJECT ACQUISITION PROGRAM

The Company continues to review potential new acquisitions that will enhance its current portfolio of advanced stage projects. However, management currently feels it has acquired a diverse project portfolio and is focused on continuing their development during 2011.